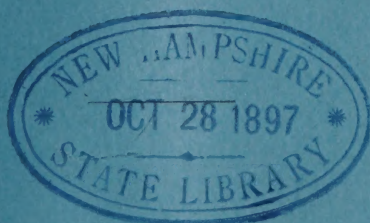








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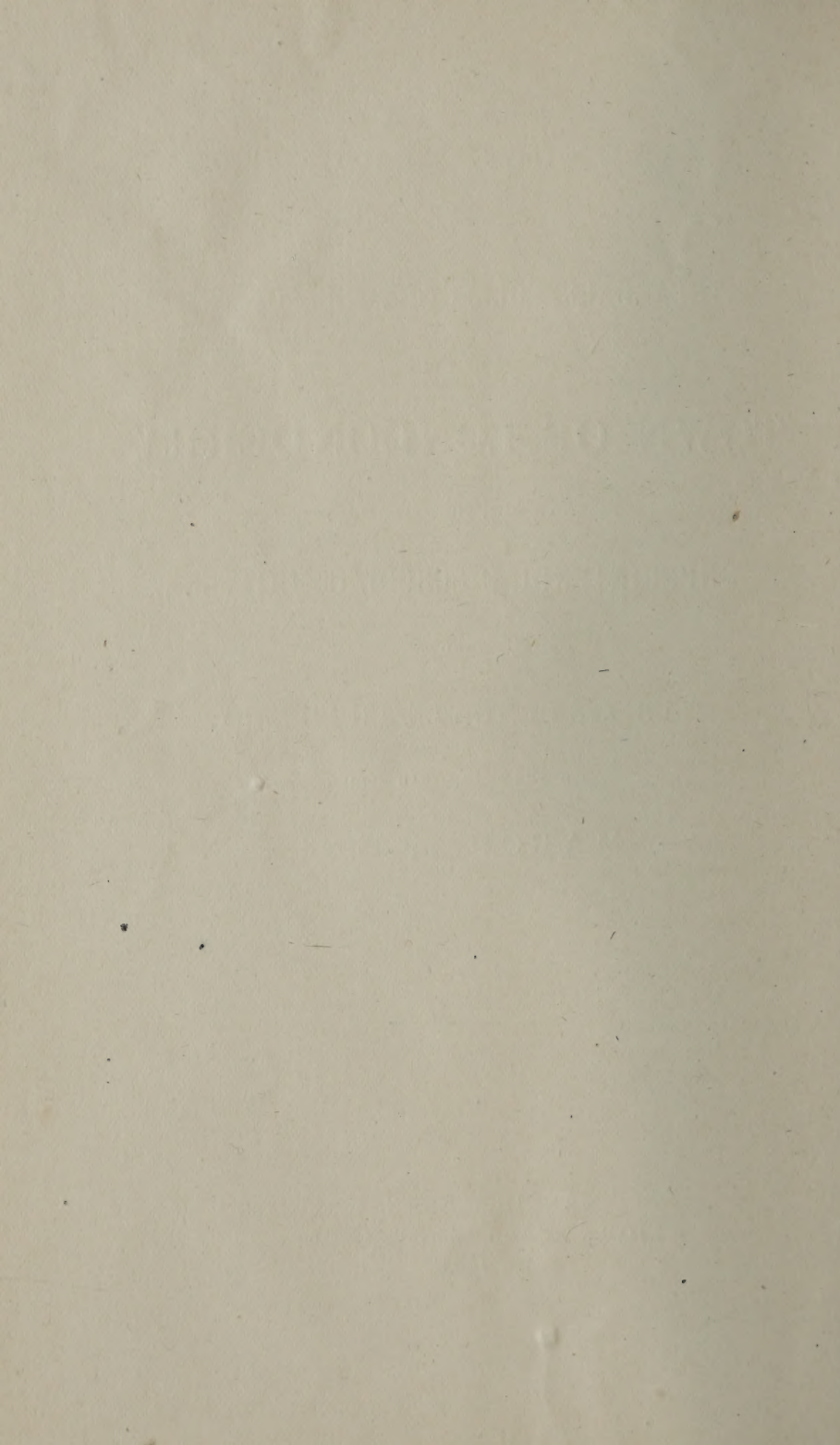
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# COLLECTOR'S REPORT,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1883.

DR.

To balance of taxes on list for 1879	\$35 28	
taxes on list for 1880	112 59	
taxes on list for 1881	2,178 95	
amount of taxes on list for 1882	6,765 30	
		<u>\$9,092 12</u>

CR.

By paid town treasurer as follows :	
resident highway tax, in money,	
1879 . . . . .	\$2 00
resident highway tax, in labor,	
1879 . . . . .	33 28
cash on list for 1880 . . . .	31 54
abatements on list for 1880 . .	6 55
abatements on resident highway	
tax, 1880 . . . . .	1 14
resident highway tax, in money,	
1880 . . . . .	3 44
resident highway tax, in labor,	
1880 . . . . .	40 00
cash on list for 1881 . . . .	1,715 06
abatements on list for 1881 . .	52 28
resident highway tax, in money,	
1881 . . . . .	25 63
resident highway tax, in labor,	
1881 . . . . .	250 00
non-resident highway tax, in	
labor, 1881 . . . . .	7 64
cash on list for 1882 . . . .	3,910 23
discount on list for 1882 . . .	52 32



By abatements on list for 1882 .	\$45 31	
resident highway tax, in money,		
1882 . . . . .	30 30	
resident highway tax, in labor,		
1882 . . . . .	900 00	
non-resident highway tax, in		
labor, 1882 . . . . .	42 42	
uncollected taxes on list for 1880	29 92	
uncollected taxes on list for 1881	128 34	
uncollected taxes on list for 1882	1,784 72	
	<hr/>	\$9,092 12

DANIEL G. ANNIS,  
*Collector.*



# TREASURER'S REPORT,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1883.

Dr.

To cash in treasury, March 1, 1882,	\$814 42
due from D. G. Annis, uncol-	
lected taxes . . . . .	2,326 82
note in favor of the town . . .	72 94
resident list, state, county, town	
and school tax . . . . .	4,645 23
non-resident list, state, county,	
town, and school tax . . . . .	567 56
resident highway tax . . . . .	1,276 80
non-resident highway tax . . .	155 71
dog tax . . . . .	120 00
surplus revenue fund . . . . .	1,728 33
interest, revenue fund . . . . .	74 56
cemetery fund . . . . .	1,000 00
interest, cemetery fund . . . . .	40 00
library fund . . . . .	1,153 61
interest, library fund . . . . .	53 91
received from state, savings-bank	
tax . . . . .	1,986 48
railroad tax . . . . .	323 31
literary fund . . . . .	109 02
crow bounties	
1881-82 . . . . .	11 80
county, support of	
poor . . . . .	159 32
D. G. Annis, in-	
terest on taxes . . . . .	41 35
John Fling, rent	
of town house . . . . .	21 56
I. C. Tyson . . . . .	7 80

To received from W. P. Mack	.	\$2 00	
town note	.	1,000 00	
town bonds and			
accrued interest	1,004 17		
	—————		\$18,696 70

CR.

By cash paid selectmen's orders	.	\$12,666 52	
surplus revenue fund on hand	.	1,728 33	
cemetery fund on hand	.	1,000 00	
library fund on hand	.	2,064 75	
J. C. Town's note	.	72 94	
due from D. G. Annis, uncol-			
lected taxes	.	1,942 98	
cash in treasury	.	221 18	
	—————		\$18,696 70

WASHINGTON PERKINS,

*Treasurer.*

## LEACH LIBRARY.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

To cash received from town treasurer		DR.
		\$142 77

CR.

By cash paid Lockwood, Brooks, &			
Co., for books	.	101 79	
J. McClintock, for			
books	.	2 00	
Temple & Farrington			
for cards, repairing			
books, etc.	.	38 98	
	—————		\$142 77

WASHINGTON PERKINS,

*Treasurer Leach Library.*



# SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

## STATE AND COUNTY TAX.

Paid state tax	.	.	.	.	.	\$1,572 00
county tax	.	.	.	.	.	1,981 84
						<hr/> \$3,553 84

## SCHOOLS.

Paid District No. 1	.	.	.	.	.	\$231 09
No. 2	.	.	.	.	.	226 21
No. 3	.	.	.	.	.	129 74
No. 4	.	.	.	.	.	147 28
No. 5	.	.	.	.	.	142 04
No. 6	.	.	.	.	.	169 57
No. 7	.	.	.	.	.	215 66
No. 8	.	.	.	.	.	243 96
No. 9	.	.	.	.	.	104 43
No. 10	.	.	.	.	.	42 72
						<hr/> \$1,652 70

## SCHOOL-HOUSE TAXES.

1881.

Paid S. P. Robie, Dist. No. 2	.	.	.	.	\$5 00
S. D. Smith, Dist. No. 7	.	.	.	.	48 24
					<hr/> \$53 24

## ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid R. J. Lund	.	.	.	.	.	\$25 05
W. D. Hardy	.	.	.	.	.	7 50
B. & A. D. Fessenden	.	.	.	.	.	72
C. D. Colby, posts	.	.	.	.	.	4 50

Paid N. Boyce, posts and rails . . . . .	\$3 75
J. I. Chase . . . . .	11 58
E. A. Savage . . . . .	23 57
B. M. Baron . . . . .	12 16
S. A. Estey . . . . .	9 55
D. D. Smith . . . . .	3 75
J. H. S. Goodwin . . . . .	3 10
Josiah Goodwin . . . . .	25 76
D. W. Ela . . . . .	32 00
D. G. & R. Annis . . . . .	54
J. B. Varick, iron for bridge . . . . .	2 05
S. Kimball . . . . .	5 25
W. C. Bancroft . . . . .	.75
C. S. Greeley . . . . .	15 19
W. E. Woodbury . . . . .	60
E. R. Hill . . . . .	4 50
E. Willey . . . . .	3 75
S. D. Smith . . . . .	41 91
W. W. Mackay . . . . .	2 55
G. F. McGregor . . . . .	56 80
P. Dickey . . . . .	10 65
W. A. Druker . . . . .	4 50
H. H. White . . . . .	13 80
S. A. Webster . . . . .	11 55
G. H. Pettingill . . . . .	2 00
R. Annis, treasurer, for gravel . . . . .	7 30
C. H. Watts, plank . . . . .	4 70
J. R. Turcott, iron for bridge . . . . .	1 50
Barr & Co., spikes . . . . .	22
J. A. Corning, land damage . . . . .	22 50
J. Y. Nesmith . . . . .	8 80
W. H. Page . . . . .	2 10
Mrs. M. H. B. Smith, land damage . . . . .	14 38
Ira Templeton . . . . .	3 00
D. M. Boyd, drawing posts . . . . .	3 00
J. M. Noyes . . . . .	1 00
J. Buttrick . . . . .	1 90
L. Page . . . . .	1 14
L. E. Cross . . . . .	1 95
J. W. Greeley . . . . .	4 38
J. W. Greeley, plank . . . . .	3 08
I. Buttrick, plank . . . . .	12 72
S. D. Smith, plank . . . . .	25 70



Paid G. W. Annis . . . . .	\$13 35
J. P. O'Sullivan . . . . .	2 44
B. McAllister, plank and stone . . . . .	3 25
B. McAllister . . . . .	6 90
J. H. Burbank . . . . .	6 00
Owen Hinckley, railing highway . . . . .	3 80
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	\$494 49

## WINTER ROADS.

Paid Sanford Greeley . . . . .	\$15 75
Charles Herrick . . . . .	12 25
Martin M. Bowles . . . . .	90
Alfred D. Greeley . . . . .	1 50
C. M. Holmes . . . . .	7 27
A. Corey . . . . .	3 75
J. Mottram . . . . .	3 00
C. W. Anderson . . . . .	60
W. P. Alexander . . . . .	1 95
S. P. Robie . . . . .	9 61
J. H. Sabeau . . . . .	1 20
C. K. Titcomb . . . . .	1 93
W. O. Morrison . . . . .	82
W. E. Hunt . . . . .	1 95
W. Scolley . . . . .	6 47
J. L. Day . . . . .	3 88
G. E. Anderson . . . . .	1 05
J. Daley . . . . .	14 02
L. E. Cross . . . . .	2 25
T. Bullock . . . . .	7 65
I. Kimball . . . . .	2 90
S. T. Towns . . . . .	8 45
J. Avery . . . . .	23 85
J. M. Avery . . . . .	15 60
J. E. Chase . . . . .	6 05
E. Ambrose . . . . .	5 10
J. M. Platts . . . . .	94
D. C. Barker . . . . .	2 47
J. Blood . . . . .	10 80
J. D. Greeley . . . . .	8 25
R. Merrill . . . . .	2 70
T. Boyd . . . . .	7 05
C. W. Boyd . . . . .	18 55

Paid S. D. Smith . . . . .	\$6 90
A. S. Ladd . . . . .	62
G. F. Plummer . . . . .	6 70
J. H. S. Goodwin . . . . .	2 23
J. M. Noyes . . . . .	1 80
W. Annis . . . . .	8 95
C. T. Boyce . . . . .	3 84
J. H. Wetherbee . . . . .	1 22
L. H. Nesmith . . . . .	1 56
N. Boyce . . . . .	14 32
J. D. Page . . . . .	5 23
N. C. Alexander . . . . .	1 20
C. H. Watts . . . . .	10 59
J. McClary . . . . .	24 60
C. L. Bolles . . . . .	2 66
R. H. Plummer . . . . .	1 35
G. N. Plummer . . . . .	4 30
R. & J. D. K. Marshall . . . . .	5 23
J. Dooley . . . . .	5 00
J. Estey & Son . . . . .	10 35
W. P. Nevins . . . . .	4 55
S. A. Estey . . . . .	10 36
D. M. Boyd . . . . .	6 00
M. Boyd . . . . .	1 52
J. Remington . . . . .	9 80
D. D. Smith . . . . .	4 28
D. G. Annis . . . . .	3 36
I. W. Cochran . . . . .	1 95
E. G. Greeley . . . . .	7 74
J. R. Gilcreast . . . . .	1 50
J. Y. Nesmith . . . . .	1 25
D. W. Ela . . . . .	4 95
C. S. Greeley . . . . .	2 60
E. Follansbee . . . . .	75
G. W. Cutler . . . . .	9 00
J. W. Greeley, for district . . . . .	17 33
H. Cutler . . . . .	10 20
A. C. Webster . . . . .	2 89
F. S. Crowell . . . . .	2 40
W. G. Cross . . . . .	6 40
J. F. Twiss, . . . . .	9 45
D. Anderson . . . . .	2 40
J. Buttrick . . . . .	4 42



Paid G. W. Hunkins . . . . .	\$1 50
P. B. Annis . . . . .	4 87
W. W. Mackay . . . . .	1 50
S. Mullins . . . . .	8 59
I. Kimball . . . . .	2 39
F. T. Bailey . . . . .	1 00
W. B. Lowd . . . . .	75
R. S. Smith . . . . .	2 00
J. H. Burbank . . . . .	4 05
J. W. Peabody . . . . .	2 62
J. H. Ryder . . . . .	1 35
A. P. Hardy . . . . .	16 50
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	\$501 88

## NEW HIGHWAY.

Paid J. R. Clark, surveying . . . . .	\$2 00
C. R. Clark, land damage . . . . .	1 00
A. K. Chase, land damage . . . . .	1 00
O. B. Stokes, land damage . . . . .	1 00
F. F. Stokes, land damage . . . . .	1 00
Mrs. E. M. Smith, land damage . . . . .	1 00
J. M. Chase, land damage . . . . .	1 00
J. D. Spinney, land damage . . . . .	1 00
Mrs. Huldah Smith, land damage . . . . .	1 00
G. A. & G. A. Tucker, building section . . . . .	254 06
D. G. & R. Annis, and A. S. Philbrick, building section . . . . .	124 75
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	\$388 81

## HUDSON BRIDGE.

Paid town of Hudson, cost included . . . . .	\$886 00
Burnham & McAllister, counsel . . . . .	183 70
witnesses . . . . .	22 05
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	\$1,091 75

## BURYING-GROUNDS.

Paid W. Perkins, posts for South yard . . . . .	\$49 20
W. E. Woodbury, digging graves and driv- ing hearse . . . . .	23 50

Paid G. E. Anderson, labor . . . . .	\$1 50
M. Dickey, labor . . . . .	13 25
D. F. Perkins, labor . . . . .	1 50
O. Hinckley, freight on gate . . . . .	2 00
A. H. Lowell, iron gate . . . . .	25 00
J. A. Moore, posts and labor . . . . .	15 15
C. L. Bolles, door for hearse-house . . . . .	2 37
S. Kimball, cutting bushes on South and Hill burying-grounds . . . . .	9 00
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	\$142 47

## DAMAGE TO SHEEP BY DOGS.

Paid D. W. Ela, two killed . . . . .	\$10 00
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	\$10 00

## TOWN POOR.

Paid W. E. Woodbury, support of C. W. Wood- bury . . . . .	\$100 00
H. Jackson, guardian, board of E. Jackson at insane asylum . . . . .	120 00
J. Cudworth, support of K. Cudworth . . . . .	29 25
S. H. Lawrence, support of C. Hovey . . . . .	50 00
C. M. Boyee, support of A. Goodwin . . . . .	91 00
C. S. Pillsbury, car-fare of O. W. Randall . . . . .	1 25
C. H. Titcomb, board, etc., of O. W. Ran- dall . . . . .	1 50
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	\$393 00

## COUNTY POOR.

Paid E. Follansbee, support of S. Caldwell . . . . .	\$39 00
W. C. Chase, support of J. Martin . . . . .	19 50
J. N. Bruce, coffin and robe for D. Griffin . . . . .	14 00
Rev. J. L. Whittemore, attending funeral . . . . .	2 00
C. H. Watts, care of D. Griffin . . . . .	7 50
C. H. Watts, supplies for D. Griffin . . . . .	2 65
G. F. McGregor, clothing for D. Griffin's children . . . . .	1 10
Mitchell & Heath, boots for D. Griffin's children . . . . .	5 05

Paid C. F. Sprague, clothing for D. Griffin's children . . . . .	\$5 33
J. W. Mackay, supplies for D. Griffin's family . . . . .	53 31
Foster & Robinson, wood for D. Griffin's family. . . . .	4 00
Dr. E. Wason, medical attendance on D. Griffin . . . . .	8 00
O. Hinckley, wood for W. E. Hardy . . . . .	6 00
Cumner & Co., clothing for W. P. Griffin . . . . .	1 50
Mrs. J. Nichols, board of W. E. Hardy . . . . .	8 00
D. C. Hill, board of J. Barrett . . . . .	2 50
J. D. Hart, board of J. Barrett . . . . .	4 50
J. W. Mackay, supplies for W. P. Griffin . . . . .	7 00
J. W. Mackay, supplies for W. E. Hardy . . . . .	6 00
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	\$196 94

## TRANSIENT POOR.

Paid G. F. McGregor . . . . .	\$3 00
Mrs. J. Nichols . . . . .	6 00
Ransom Flanders . . . . .	90
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	\$9 90

## DISCOUNT.

Paid D. G. Annis . . . . .	\$52 32
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## ABATEMENTS.

Paid D. G. Annis . . . . .	\$105 28
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## HIGHWAY TAX.

Resident highway tax, paid in labor . . . . .	\$1,223 28
Non-resident highway tax, paid in labor . . . . .	50 06
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	\$1,273 34

## TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid G. F. McGregor, supervisor . . . . .	\$6 50
F. S. Crowell, supervisor . . . . .	18 00
William Clark, supervisor . . . . .	20 50



Paid J. G. Stone, supervisor . . . .	\$10 00
A. M. Corning, moderator . . . .	10 00
D. G. Annis, town clerk . . . .	25 00
C. S. Pillsbury, selectman . . . .	108 00
O. Hinckley, selectman . . . .	81 00
G. F. McGregor, selectman . . . .	84 60
C. S. Pillsbury, select clerk . . . .	10 00
W. Perkins, treasurer . . . .	25 00
D. G. Annis, collector . . . .	85 00
Rev. I. C. Tyson, school committee . .	50 00
J. W. Fling, librarian . . . .	45 00
J. W. Mackay, librarian . . . .	45 00
R. C. Mack, librarian . . . .	2 10
Simon Mullins, selectman, 1881 . . . .	4 00
J. W. McAllister, auditor . . . .	2 00
S. Mullins, auditor . . . .	2 00
S. P. Robie, auditor . . . .	2 00
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	\$635 70

## INTEREST.

Paid W. Perkins, treasurer . . . .	\$105 00
G. A. Plummer . . . .	25 00
J. McAllister . . . .	25 00
R. C. Mack . . . .	10 00
Mrs. F. A. Mack . . . .	10 00
W. Perkins . . . .	12 50
Lewis Bolles, two-thirds interest of Leach cemetery fund . . . .	26 67
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	\$214 17

## BOND AND NOTE PAID.

Paid Manchester Savings Bank, note . .	\$1,027 33
W. Perkins, treasurer, bond . . . .	500 00
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	\$1,527 33

## MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid J. W. Mackay, librarian, moving books .	3 00
J. B. Clarke, printing town reports . .	34 00
O. Hinckley, expenses out of town . .	4 94

Paid C. S. Pillsbury, expenses out of town .	\$4 75
D. G. Annis, recording births and deaths .	13 10
Dr. E. Wason, recording births and deaths .	6 25
Temple & Farrington, books for town .	3 55
E. C. Eastman, inventory book . .	1 25
G. F. McGregor, bounty on crows . .	20
C. S. Pillsbury, bounty on crows . .	8 40
N. Payne, decorating soldiers' graves .	50 00
H. C. Smith, guide-posts . . . .	1 00
J. J. Abbott, guide-boards . . . .	1 70
C. R. Morrison, legal advice . . . .	3 00
Burnham & McAllister, counsel . . .	4 00
G. F. McGregor, taking affidavit . . .	1 00
J. McAllister, taking affidavit . . . .	75
A. M. Corning, taking affidavit . . . .	75
G. F. McGregor, expenses to Brentwood .	4 75
W. W. Mackay, taking pauper to county farm	4 00
W. E. Woodbury, taking pauper to co. farm	3 00
O. Hinckley, stationery and stamps . .	1 00
C. S. Pillsbury, stationery and stamps .	2 24
J. B. Varick, glass for town-house . . .	80
L. H. & W. S. Pillsbury, lamps for town- house . . . . .	7 80
W. Perkins, books for library . . . .	142 77
Temple & Farrington, stationery . . .	1 76
Dr. E. Wason, medical attendance of J. York	20 00
O. Hinckley, school-books for J. Barrett .	50
C. H. Watts, school-books for D. Griffin's children . . . . .	60
John Merrill, damage to sleigh . . . .	3 55
J. McAllister, wood for town-house . .	16 00
C. O. Buttrick, expenses to Nashua for town . . . . .	2 50
W. Perkins, expenses to Concord to settle state tax . . . . .	3 50
A. M. Corning, services for town . . .	2 00
R. C. Mack, freighting books, and making catalogue . . . . .	2 00
C. Bartlett, printing . . . . .	3 45
W. P. Wallace, stamps . . . . .	4 00
J. W. Fling, freighting books . . . .	1 50
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\$369 36	

## RECAPITULATION.

Paid state and county taxes . . .	\$3,553 84
schools . . . . .	1,652 70
school-house taxes . . . . .	53 24
roads and bridges . . . . .	494 49
winter roads . . . . .	501 88
new highway . . . . .	388 81
Hudson bridge . . . . .	1,091 75
burying grounds . . . . .	142 47
damage to sheep by dogs . . . . .	10 00
town poor . . . . .	393 00
county poor . . . . .	196 94
transient poor . . . . .	9 90
discount . . . . .	52 32
abatements . . . . .	105 28
highway tax in labor . . . . .	1,273 34
town officers . . . . .	635 70
interest . . . . .	214 17
bond and note . . . . .	1,527 33
miscellaneous . . . . .	369 36

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\$12,666 52

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LONDONDERRY, March 1, 1883.

This certifies that we have this day audited the selectmen's and treasurer's accounts, and find the same correctly cast and properly vouched.

JONA. McALLISTER,  
SIMON MULLINS,  
SAMUEL P. ROBIE,

*Auditors.*



## FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN.

## LIABILITIES.

Bonds payable . . . . .	\$4,500 00	
Due district No. 6, school-house tax . . . . .	35 00	
Due J. Cudworth, board of Katie . . . . .	9 75	
	<hr/>	\$4,544 75

## ASSETS.

Cash in treasury . . . . .	\$221 18	
Uncollected taxes, exclusive of highway and dog tax . . . . .	1,439 29	
J. C. Towns's note . . . . .	72 84	
Surplus revenue . . . . .	1,728 33	
	<hr/>	\$3,461 64
Balance, and debt of town . . . . .		1,083 11
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		\$4,544 75

The foregoing shows an indebtedness of the town of \$1,083.11; and there is due Charles R. Clark, for building a section of the new highway, about \$130. The counsel in the Platts case have not sent in their bill, and there are probably some other outstanding bills. The claim of George B. Noyes, for damage, has not been settled. The Cemetery case has been referred to the commissioners. We have widened and straightened the highway in the south part of the town between Joseph Harvell's house and P. B. Annis's, and have engaged Messrs. Joseph and George P. Harvell to move and rebuild the wall. They are to receive, for land damage and laying over the wall, \$85.00. We looked over the route for a new highway from Hall's Corner to Londonderry Depot. We found that for those living in the west part of the town, and south of the Baptist church, it would shorten their distance to the depot, by highway, more than a mile, but the expense of building would be so great we would not lay it out until so instructed by the town. It has now been referred to the county commis-

sioners, and they will probably give a hearing upon it soon. A petition is received asking for a new highway from a stake by the highway near Mrs. James Pettengill's house to a stake by the Mammoth road, near Londonderry Depot. This would be a shorter road to build than the one from "Hall's Corner," and not so wide a meadow to cross. The past year Osborn W. Randall has been added to our list of town paupers.

CHARLES S. PILLSBURY,  
OWEN HINCKLEY,  
GEORGE F. MCGREGOR,  
*Selectmen of Londonderry.*

R E P O R T  
OF THE  
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1883.

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The school year just closed has been one of earnest work on the part of teachers and scholars. No very striking results have been achieved in any department of study, but good square work has been done in every school. The foundations for future success have been well laid, and the teachers will see in after years, if not immediately, that the labor and care they have expended upon their pupils have not been in vain. Many of the older scholars of last year have gone to higher schools out of town, or have left school altogether, making a marked difference, in nearly all the schools, in the character of studies and degrees of advancement. Hence, perhaps some of the schools did not appear to so good advantage as they did last year, while yet the real work done and progress made would compare favorably with that of former years. Older and more advanced scholars sometimes set off a school to advantage, while yet a smaller class of scholars may have done equally well in proportion to their capacity.

The prudential committees have been generally successful in their selection of teachers, most of those engaged having had long experience in the work, while those entering upon the duty of the work for the first time gave encouraging evidence of talent, capability and adaptation to the



duties of the teacher's office. The scholars have been studious and diligent, and have shown due respect and obedience to their teachers, only one teacher having complained of insubordination, and this not of a serious nature.

The parents have shown their interest by attendance at examinations, while the registers indicate that during the terms many have visited the schools, thus encouraging the teachers and stimulating the scholars to renewed endeavor.

During the year an exchange of books was effected, a new and improved edition of "Worcester's Speller" having been introduced into all the schools, in place of the old edition. This was accomplished through the liberal offer of the publishers, William Ware & Co., 47 Franklin street, Boston, who gave an equal exchange, a new for an old book.

I would like to offer a remark or two in regard to methods of study in the school-room; not by way of criticism on any of the methods employed in our schools, but simply for the purpose of pointing the teachers to those rules which will enable them to keep abreast with the progress of the times in matters of education.

One good rule, which is gaining ground at the present day, is that of reducing the machinery of instruction to a minimum. Very much of the teacher's time is often taken in making out weekly reports, percentages, averages, and preparing and correcting papers for written examinations. Beyond what is actually required by law, the teacher should be careful not to assume duties which will be a tax upon the strength and seriously encroach upon the precious time required for instruction. To impart the greatest amount of information, to see that the pupil learns and *understands* the lesson, and to maintain order and quietness in the school-room, there is enough in these duties to occupy all the time of the teacher, without assuming burdens and responsibilities which at best are only appendages to instruction, and are always a weariness to the flesh.

Another good rule is to have a definite and simple *plan*

of instruction. Aim at something, and keep the aim always in view. Even a poor plan is better than no plan at all ; and a teacher who maps out the work beforehand, and fixes upon a standard of attainment towards which every effort is directed, will accomplish something in the end, while another, who merely goes through a daily routine without a definite end in view, will only be conspicuous for failure.

Much time might be gained for good solid work by reducing the number of classes in the school-room, and securing, as far as possible, uniformity of lessons. I have known of teachers' having *thirty-six* different classes to hear during the morning hours, many of them composed of but one or two scholars. It is impossible to do justice to each scholar by such a system, while the advantage of competition is almost wholly lost. It will be a benefit to the scholars themselves to let those who cannot keep up with their class in their studies drop back to the grade below ; while a uniformity of text-books should be insisted upon, that the scholars of any particular grade may all have the same lesson. Parents may help in this latter point by providing their children with such books as are used in the school, instead, as is sometimes the case, sending the scholar with an old book that is ten or fifteen years out of date.

One other suggestion to parents. It is very important that parents should visit the schools, both during the term and at the closing exercises. I make this suggestion not as a complaint, but as a reminder. The number of visits by parents recorded in the registers is very gratifying. Let parents adopt it as a rule to visit their own school at least once in a term. The liability of a visit at any time, and the certainty of frequent visits, will keep both teacher and scholars constantly on the alert, and wide awake to appear to the best advantage. Besides it will encourage them to know that parents are interested in what they are doing, and the mere fact of a visit will give the impression that the best results are expected.

## THE SCHOOLS IN DETAIL.

## DISTRICT No. 1.

The three terms of eight, eight, and eleven weeks were taught by Miss Martha J. Boyd. The prudential committee was fortunate in securing Miss Boyd for a second year. The scholars were most of them small at the opening of the spring term, but during the winter a number of larger ones came in. The progress was steady and rapid throughout the year, and the results permanent. The teacher had an opportunity, by retaining her place a second year, of carrying out her methods to completion, and nothing appeared to be wanting at the closing examination. General good order, good recitations, and a happy confidence and good will, with a clear understanding of each other, marked the relations between the teacher and her pupils, illustrating the advantage of keeping a good teacher in her place when it is possible.

## DISTRICT No. 2.

The three terms of nine, nine, and eleven weeks were taught by Miss Nellie A. Robie. Miss Robie well sustained her reputation as an excellent teacher. The three terms were carried forward with a steady progress of improvement to the end, culminating in almost perfect recitations at the closing examination, and marked throughout by good order on the part of the scholars. The school appeared as one of the best in the town. Prizes were offered by the teacher for the most perfect recitations. Ida A. Lowd won the prize for the fall term, and Mabel E. Buttrick for the winter term. A special prize for the third class in spelling was won by Arthur H. Cross for the fall term, and by Hattie E. Roach for the winter term. Wesley B. Adams, a lad ten years old, completely mastered "Colburn's Mental Arithmetic," an achievement well worthy of creditable mention.



## DISTRICT No. 3.

The spring term of this school was commenced by Mr. E. W. Goodhue, with every promise of success. But diphtheria broke out in the neighborhood, with several fatal cases among the scholars, and the term was closed at the end of five weeks without an examination.

The fall and winter term of sixteen weeks, commencing October 31, was taught by Miss Georgietta W. Knight. Miss Knight, although young in years and experience, gave evidence of her competency as a teacher, both in method and thoroughness of instruction. The scholars acquitted themselves unusually well at the closing examination, and taking into account the broken condition of the school during the year, with the small proportion of time that the school was actually in session, the teacher and scholars alike deserve the highest praise for the degree of success attained. The spelling classes were exceptionally good, the scholars giving the words themselves, and pronouncing and spelling correctly.

## DISTRICT No. 4.

The spring term of nine weeks was taught by Miss Clara W. Boyd, who, although somewhat diffident at first, proved herself to be a good teacher. The school appeared well at the close, showing that solid and effective work had been done. The scholars were orderly and dutiful, and the recitations creditable to teacher and scholars.

The winter term of thirteen weeks was taught by Miss Helen A. Cummings. The school was well and satisfactorily kept, the teacher, in a quiet and efficient way, having secured the best results in the progress made. This was fully shown at the examination exercises. The declamations were especially good.

## DISTRICT No. 5.

The spring term of ten weeks was taught by Miss Anne

A. Marsh. The teacher has had considerable experience, and is fully competent to instruct. The method of teaching the younger scholars to count by the use of blocks was introduced with good results, as also the formation of geographical outline maps, made upon a board with sand from the road. The scholars were ambitious to succeed, and acquitted themselves well.

The fall term of thirteen weeks was taught by Miss Leonora J. Duffee. This was her first experience, and she gave encouraging promise of becoming very successful as a teacher. The school appeared to good advantage on the closing day, the scholars sustaining themselves well in all the recitations.

#### DISTRICT No. 6.

The first term of eight weeks was taught by Miss Sarah P. Webster, an experienced and capable teacher, who commanded the respect and confidence of her classes. Although several of the larger scholars of last year had left, and those remaining were most of them small, yet the school as a whole acquitted itself well, and the progress made appeared to be satisfactory.

The second term of eleven weeks was taught by Miss Mary L. Childs. The teacher succeeded well with her classes, and the degree of progress reached at the close of the previous term was sufficiently advanced upon to show that the studies had been maintained, and good work done during this term.

#### DISTRICT No. 7.

The three terms of nine, ten, and twelve weeks were taught by Miss Etta M. Young. Miss Young is one of our most efficient teachers, and during the year brought her scholars forward in their studies with remarkable rapidity. The scholars were desirous of learning, and availed themselves of the opportunity, under good instruction, to advance to the front rank in degree of attainment. The

teacher says: "In no school have I ever found a better class of scholars to instruct. Their readiness to obey has only been equaled by their willingness to study for a thorough advancement." The closing examination was unusually interesting. Rapid extempore questions, with prompt and generally correct answers, were the distinctive features.

#### DISTRICT No. 8.

The spring term of nine weeks was taught by Miss Mary L. Childs. The school was visited at the beginning of the term, and appeared to be in a very satisfactory condition. The classes were kept well in hand by the teacher, and good order was preserved. Just before the close of the school the teacher was taken sick, and there was no public examination. Subsequent visits indicated that the scholars were well up to the standard expected of them, so that there is every reason to believe that the school was satisfactorily kept.

The second term of ten weeks was taught by Miss Sarah P. Webster. The closing examination was marked by good order. The teacher appeared to be popular with her scholars, the recitations showing diligence and attention to study during the term.

The third term of nine weeks was taught by Miss Ella M. Allen. Miss Allen had taught the school before with success, and began the term with promise of good results. The closing examination showed that these results had been in the main secured. There was, however, some complaint of unruly scholars at the beginning of the term, whose insubordination was a source of annoyance to the teacher. In other respects the school appears to have been successfully kept.

#### DISTRICT No. 9.

The three terms of eight, eight, and ten weeks were taught by Miss Annie J. Howe. Although small in num-

bers, this school made an excellent showing of thorough training on the part of the scholars, affording an illustration of the advantage of retaining a good teacher for the whole year, or longer, when possible. Miss Howe seemed to understand the capabilities of her pupils, and brought each one of them up to the level of its capacity in the most effectual manner. It was pleasant to observe the influence of a gentle and quiet discipline in securing the respect and obedience of the scholars. The closing examination showed the school to be in a flourishing state, and that it was in every point all that could be desired.

#### DISTRICT No. 10.

The two terms of eight and twelve weeks were taught by Miss Belle D. MacGregor. This is a union school, under the charge of the superintending committee of Derry. Total number of scholars attending school from Londonderry, six.

IRA C. TYSON,

*Superintending School Committee.*

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#### AUTHORIZED TEXT-BOOKS.

Bible, Hillard's Franklin Readers, Warren's Geographies, Harvey's Grammars, Greenleaf's New Practical Arithmetic, Colburn's and Emerson's Mental Arithmetic, Worcester's Improved Spellers, Duplex Copy Book, Campbell's United States History.



## ROLL OF HONOR.

Names of scholars perfect in attendance throughout two terms : —

## DISTRICT No. 1.

George P. Atwell, Everett G. Corthell, Osmond E. Corthell,\* Emma E. Fling, Nellie A. Robie, Arthur T. Holmes, Harry L. Benson.

## DISTRICT No. 2.

Alice M. Cross, Ida A. Lowd\*, Harry W. Wallace, Georgie W. Wallace, Wesley C. Adams\*, Arthur H. Cross, Charles W. Tyson, Hattie E. Roach, Alice M. McKean.

## DISTRICT No. 6.

Ella F. Boyce, Winnie B. Cate, Sarah F. Wheeler, Grace L. Corning.

## DISTRICT No. 7.

Annie R. Boyce\*, Myra F. Boyce\*, Samuel A. McGregor\*, Fred J. Turcotte, Blanche C. Campbell, Maud E. Campbell, Emma N. Smith, Pliny M. Campbell. Samuel A. McGregor, ten years old, has *never* been absent since he began his school life.

## DISTRICT No. 8.

Mary A. McKenney, Clarence A. Webster, Eugene Dotie.

## DISTRICT No. 10.

Ida A. Parshley, Edward A. Parshley.

Names of scholars perfect in attendance throughout one term : —

## DISTRICT No. 1.

Ulysses G. Pillsbury, Joseph F. Whidden, Frances V.

\*Perfect three terms.

Carleton, Addie M. Kimball, Hattie L. Pillsbury, Jennie F. Washburn, George F. Gilcreast, Ida M. Eastman, Charles H. Holmes.

DISTRICT No. 2.

Mary L. Tyson, Carrie A. Buttrick, Pliny M. Campbell, Talbert A. Buttrick, Josie K. Morrison, Arley A. Lowd, Freddie L. Roach.

DISTRICT No. 3.

Martha L. Dooley.

DISTRICT No. 4.

Eliza M. Annis, Lily Annis, Cardie Gibson, Guy Gibson, Frankie Annis, Alice C. Blood, Charles Blood, Hiram N. Cross.

DISTRICT No. 5.

Alice E. Miller, Mabel V. Bennett, Georgia B. Manter, Mabel M. Lowd, Jennie A. Lowd, Arthur G. Miller, Willie A. Butterworth, James E. Hunttee.

DISTRICT No. 6.

Georgie Corning, Nathan P. Watts, Leo P. Watts, Charles H. Marsh.

DISTRICT No. 7.

Lottie F. Corning, Frank J. Jones, Katie B. Stevens, Eugene M. Chase, Arthur A. Page.

DISTRICT No. 8.

Rosetta M. Webster, Fred E. Annis, Abbie Mabel Andrews.

DISTRICT No. 9.

Martha M. Sawyer, Herbert F. Tebbetts, Lilla B. Garvin.

DISTRICT No. 10.

Frank D. Parshley.



REPORT  
OF THE  
TRUSTEES OF THE LEACH LIBRARY,  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1883.

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There are many things in connection with the library which would doubtless be of interest to the people of this town, and would give them a better insight of the purpose for which it was intended, and difficulties under which it labors, — difficulties which would doubtless be at once removed could the people be brought to regard them from the true stand point of reason, without jealousy or prejudice, — and it would be vastly to the benefit of all parties concerned, and the library as an educating medium, if it could be looked upon kindly and tenderly cherished; but the limits of this paper will not admit of details.

I make these suggestions, trusting they may take root in the minds of the candid men of this town, and develop a feeling that the education and training of the minds of the people, especially the young, are paramount to any personal animosity.

We have to thank kind friends for presents of books as follows: —

Londonderry Library Association, 131 Vols. About 30 Vols. are circulating matter, and the balance are congressional documents.

Hon. Samuel F. Humphrey, Bangor, Me., 2 Vols.

Hon. Moody Currier, Manchester, N. H., 1 Vol.



## Purchased, 100 Vols.

Number of Vols. taken from library, 1883 . . . . .	3,585
Number of Vols. taken from branch, 1883 . . . . .	3,889
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	7,474
Total circulation in 1882 . . . . .	8,498
Total circulation in 1883 . . . . .	7,474
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Loss . . . . .	1,024
Total circulation of library in 1882 . . . . .	4,734
Total circulation of library in 1883 . . . . .	3,585
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Loss . . . . .	1,149
Total circulation in branch, 1882 . . . . .	3,764
Total circulation in branch, 1883 . . . . .	3,889
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Gain . . . . .	125

In the early part of the season there was an exchange of books between the library and the depository at North Londonderry, returning to the library Vols. 1 to 299, and forwarding to the branch enough to complete numbers from 300 to 900, which makes the circulating books equal at each place as they have been before.

We trust that the citizens will exert themselves, over the entire town, to make the coming year more prosperous and profitable than the past.

EUGENE WASON,  
*Sec'y Board of Trustees of Leach Library.*







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